

Opening Shot

No, no news yet. Ann's having the occasional contraction. We figure it'll be about another week. The actual due date is June 6, but Christopher was three weeks early, so we've been expecting the expected at any time. Ann is well. She began maternity leave two weeks ago and, though she doesn't get much rest with an active two-year-old about the house, she is more relaxed now that she's freed from the pressures at work. She even looks more mellowed.

Meanwhile, Christopher turned two a few weeks ago. He's a constant delight. Of course, that's tempered by the fact that his daddy is besotted with him. Actually, he is working on defining his ego, which means he says No a lot, even when he doesn't mean it, and, to back up his point, he'll fling a cup or plate on the floor. He does apologize afterwards--which is a step in the right direction. His study of the English language is making great progress. He's constantly asking, 'S at?' (which is his way of saying, 'What the Hell do you call that thing again?'). After you've answered a few zillion times he moves on to something else.

STANDBYS CALLED UPON:

Gerry Van Alkemade, 1983 R, page 8
John Davies, 1983 R page 8

Outdoors there are always things to amaze him with. He's now learned there are two kinds of flowers, 'pick' and 'don't touch.' 'Pick' flowers being dandelions. I was showing him a lilac bush when it occurred to me: when I was young and sci fi movies were at their epitome (yes, they had invented sound then!), if they wanted to show a friendly alien planet, it would be graced with trees bearing huge flowers. And, that's how the world must appear to Christopher. This strange alien place filled with delightful surprises! Oh, it can be an unfriendly alien planet too. I recall one time last winter when the car was in for repairs. I picked Christopher up at the babysitter's and we headed home on the bus. There was a three-block walk after the bus stop, and it was during the worst blizzard of the year. Bitter cold wind and snow up to my knees. As I struggled and gasped to carry thirty-five pounds of struggling weight, I had visions of us not making it.

Well, we survive such times and are now blessed with dandelions. Actually, Ottawa at this time of year is filled with tulips. The Dutch government keeps sending us bulbs as thanks for our liberating Holland during the Second World War. Everytime I see those banks of tulips, I feel a warm glow for the Dutch. If more governments would send other countries such nice gifts, instead of missiles and insults....well, you know how I feel about such things. If my desire for world peace makes me a pinko commie, or whatever, so be it.

Things are going well for me at work. I have a large project I'm working on, involving creating a data base from which to generate reports. I work exclusively in Fortran now, as I just don't have the patience for Cobol. And I'm becoming the primary contact for an almost incomprehensible data management package affectionately called 'Record Mangler.' The name says it all! The

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NO GAME OPENINGS. NO SUBSCRIPTIONS PAST NUMBER 50.

Standbys, especially for variant games, urgently needed.

process for filling the permanent position I want is underway. Other names, besides my own, were picked from the inventory bin. The candidate will be selected on the basis of a written exam based on what I do every day. Talk about giving a guy all the breaks you can! I have been assigned the hot seat (the primary consultant's desk) every day on the theory that I'll learn more that way. So, if I don't freeze up on the exam....



Christopher at two: wearing an Expos cap and spaghetti sauce

Other Zines

Two apparent folds of late. Battle Stations, by Bob Albrecht, has not appeared since early February. Apparently his games are continuing by flyer. Dave Carter is keeping up with the situation and will rehouse games if necessary. An unfortunate situation, as Bob had already begun and folded a zine before and had made a good start at making amends for the past.

The other bad scene is Manifest Destiny, by Keith Sesler. That too was very late with no explanation. Scott Hanson, Dave's American counterpart, has already begun rehousing MD's games, though he is having problems getting information on variants.

While I can certainly understand the pressures that make carrying on a hobby difficult, if not impossible, I cannot understand the lack of common courtesy that so many folding pubbers display. Even if one can't get out a one page sheet explaining to subbers what's going on, a few phone calls to a handful of prominent publishers will get the word spread around.

Let's focus on the good. The Runestone Poll is coming up again. No, I don't expect to be in the top ten again. However, I am very cheap with my '10' votes, giving them only to extremely good zines, far beyond the level of the 'pack.' For the past few years, I have awarded only one. This year, I am giving two zines that vote. One, naturally, is to Europa Express, which has consistantly been the most superior product appearing in the USA for the past few years. EE has a large European sub list and its letter column, bridging the Atlantic, is often the only thing I'll read if a dozen zines arrive and I've little time.

My other ten vote is going to Voice of Doom. I've always given VD a fairly high rating, but, of late it has improved significantly. It is friendly, breezy, informative, and crammed with letters and articles, many of which are actually interesting (a rare achievement in our post-literate age).

Don't take my word for it. Get samples. Europa Express, Gary Coughlan, 4614 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN 38118. Voice of Doom, Bruce Linsey, 74 Ashuelot, No. 3, Dalton, MA 01226.

Interested in variants? Here's a few zines to check out.

Hail Jikail by Mark Keller, 9536 Shumway Dr., Orangevale, CA 95662. Has openings in Kregish Dip, Bio-War, New Improved Extra Strength Dip, Time Distortion Dip, and Treachery.

The End Justifies the Means, by James Briggs, (temporary address: 5940 Redbrook Rd., San Diego, CA 92117). Has openings in Diplomacy, Machiavelli, En Guardel, and Bourse, and needs standbys in other variants.

Emhain Macha, by Michael Mills, 26 Laurel Rd., Sloatsburg, NY 10974. Has openings in Konigreich and Bourse and needs standbys in other variants.

Bushwacker, by Fred C. Davis, 1427 Clairidge Rd., Baltimore, MD 21207. Has openings in one variant from a long list of possibilities. The one to be run next is the one for which most players sign up. Best check it out. (This is my favourite variant zine, and close to the top in my list of favourite all-round zines.)

1981 W - North 1

TURKEY PROBES DEEP INTO CENTRAL EUROPE, BUT LOSES A CENTRE TO THE EASTWARD BOUND ITALIAN. SINO-BRIT WAR CONTINUES. AUSTRIA HANGS ON.

FALL, 1913

AUS (Bob Olsen): A War* S RUS A Mos.

ENG (Chris Rees): F Nwg - Bar*; F Ber* - Kie; A Pic* S A Bel*; F Eng* - Nth; A Bur* - Mun.

ITA (Bill Young): A Vie* S & A Tyr* S & F Ven* S A Alb - Tri*; A Boh* S A Vie; F Tyr - Nap*; F Tun* - Tyr; F Spa(sc) - WMed*; F Por - Spa(sc)*.

RUS (Garvin Boyle): A Mos* S AUS A War; A Swe* - Nwy; F Nwy* - Nth; A Den* H; A Kie* & A Ruh* - Mun; A Hol* - Bel.

TUR (Paul Rauterberg): F Ion* - Tyr; F Aeg* S F EMed* - Ion; F Bul (sc) - Gre*; F Bla - Sev*; A Sev - Ukr*; A Gal - Sil*; A Rum - Gal*; A Ser* S A Tri - Bud*.

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1913

AUS (1 - 1, even): Warsaw.

ENG (7 - 7, B 1, as short): home, Paris, Brest, Berlin, Holland, BELGIUM.

ITA (9 - 10, B 1): home, Tunis, Vienna, Spain, Marseille, Portugal, Munich, TRIESTE.

RUS (7 - 7, even): Moscow, St. Petersburg, Norway, Belgium, Denmark, Sweden, Kiel, HOLLAND.

TUR (10 - 9, D 1): home, Bulgaria, Sevastopol, Serbia, Greece, Rumania, Budapest, Trieste.

Winter, 1913 AND Spring, 1914 due Friday, 29 June, 1984.

PRESS

Olsen to Unk Mo: *The word "loady" is not in my vocabulary. Now "puppet", that's a word I can understand. If you can understand it, and are prepared to follow orders, we should get along fine.*

Austria to Turkey: *I've got an idea--let's stab Mazzer!!!!*

1981 KA - North 2

AUSTRIA REVIVES LONG ENOUGH TO GET SLAUGHTERED. SO NOW WE ARE THREE...

CORRECTION

Germany has 15 centres, and hence had only one build. I have a bit of trouble counting once I use up all the fingers.

AUTUMN, 1910

GER: F Bre R Eng.

WINTER, 1910

AUS: B A Vie.

FRA: D F Tyr.

GER: B A Ber.

SPRING, 1911

AUS (Nelson Millar): NMR. A Vie /A/.

FRA (Jack Jung): F WMed - NAF*; F Lyo - WMed*; A Mar* MS A Gas*; A Pie* - Tyr; F Spa(sc)* S F Bre - MAO*.

GER (Blair Cusack): A Pic* S F Eng - Bre*; F Lon - Wal*; A Mun* - Tyr; A Par* S A Bur* - Gas; A Boh* S A Tyr - Vie*; A War* S A Ukr* - Gal; A Gal* - Bud; F Nth - Eng*; F NAO* - MAO; A Mos* - Sev; A Ber - Sil*.

TUR (Paul Rauterberg): F Bla* S A Sev*; A Rum* S & A Ser* S A Bud*; A Bud g & F Ven* S & F Alb* S F Tri*; F Tri S F Ven; A Sev g & A Bul* S A Rum; F Ion - Tyr*; F Apu* U.

Fall, 1911 due Friday, 29 June, 1984.

NOTES

The French-German-Turkish draw was defeated and is repropoed. No Vote Received means "yes." The majority of you didn't vote this time....

Hobby News

Enclosed as an insert with this issue is a ballot for you to fill out and return to me. A vote of 'Yes' means you accept the proposed constitution of the Canadian Diplomacy Organization which has now been printed in most Canadian zines. To briefly recap, it establishes three positions. The Co-ordinator will be responsible for ensuring the smooth-running of the hobby, appointing custodians when needed. The two committeemen will act as backup and oversee the Co-ordinator's activities. All terms are for two years, with elections for Co-ordinator and the committeemen alternating.

The deadline for votes is Friday, 27 July, 1984, which, by a strange coincidence, happens to be one week before both Snafu! and No Fixed Address are due to be published. The ballot is appearing here and in No Fixed Address this issue, and will be distributed to other Canadian pubbers, with luck, before their next publishing dates.

Steve Hutton, the current Co-ordinator, has told me the deadline for nominations for the committeemen positions has passed, with two nominees. So, pending approval of the Constitution, Claude Gautron and William C.S.A.A. Lowe, are acclaimed. A good choice, as Claude is publishing the only French-language zine and can provide input on helping the French-Canadian dippy population to grow. William is new to the Canadian hobby, and has strong interests in Machiavelli. Currently he is developing a system to number postal Mach games, similar to the MNs and BNs now serving postal Dip.

At present, in addition to the above, the CDU is represented by Dave Carter, as Orphans' Placement Officer; Kathy Byrne, as BNC; Lee Kendter, as MNC; Randolph Smyth, as Ombudsman; and me, as Waddington's Liaison, Elections Officer, North American Variant Bank-North Custodian, and, in tandem with Bruce Linsey, Novice Services. So, I've still a few hobby hats to shed. Meanwhile, not a bad group at all!

1983 Q - North 4

ENGLAND TAKES ONE FROM RUSSIA AS AUSTRIA BEING SQUEEZED OUT.

CORRECTION

All I did was misplace one little block on the board....Everyone involved caught the error and made appropriate corrections. Good thing you guys are smart!

Please correct Spring, 1905 adjudication as follows:

ENG: A Den* - Kie; F Kie* - Bal.

RUS: F Swe* - Bal.

SUMMER, 1905

AUS: A Gal R Boh.

FALL, 1905

AUS (Bob Acheson): A Boh* & A Vie*; A Vie S RUS A Gal - Bud (NSO); A Bud* - Ser.

ENG (Paul Watson): A Den* S F Nwy - Swe*; F Kie - Bal*; A Bel* S A Ruh - Bur*; F Nth - Eng*; A Lon* H; F MAO* - WMed; F Bre* H.

GER (Mark Keller): A Mun* MS A Ber*.

ITA (Dennis Duncan): F Por* - Spa(coast?); A Gas - Spa*; A Par* - Bur; A Tri* S TUR A Bul - Ser; A Tyr* S A Tri; F Tyr* - WMed; F Ion - Tun*; F Apu - Ion*.

RUS (Steve Berrigan): A Sil* - Boh; A Mos* - War; A Gal* - War; F Swe H /d/ (R: Fin, Bot, OTB).

TUR (James Kelley): F Alb* S ITA A Tri; A Bul - Ser*; A Con - Bul*; F Bla* C & A Sev* S A Ank - Rum*; A Arm* S A Sev.

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1905

AUS (4 - 2, D 1, as short): Trieste, Budapest, Vienna, Serbia.

ENG (9 - 10, B 1): home, Norway, Denmark, Brest, Holland, Belgium, Kiel, SWEDEN.

GER (2 - 2, even): Berlin, Munich.

ITA (8 - 9, B 1): home, Tunis, Marseille, Spain, Portugal, Paris, TRIESTE.

RUS (4 - 3, D 1): St. Petersburg, Moscow, Warsaw, Sweden.

TUR (7 - 8, B 1): home, Bulgaria, Rumania, Greece, Sevastopol, SERBIA.

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1905 AND Spring, 1906 due Fri., 29 June, 1984.

NOTES

Trust everyone understands that an ambiguous order fails, no matter what the player might have intended; hence Italy doesn't get a self-standoff in Spain. (Shouldn't really have to point that out, but some loud and opinionated pubbers haven't grasped the concept of ambiguous orders yet.)

PRESS

Vienna to Constantinople and Rome: *Okay boys, I've had enough. Clear out or I'll get England to beat on you.*

Vienna to London: *It's okay Paul. They're both colour conscious. One's yellow, and the other is green with envy over it.*

Vienna to Warsaw: *If you want a piece of the cherry pie, you better hurry. Don't worry, I'm past the bleeding stage.*

1983 HT - North 5

LEPANTO FOILED, BUT TURKEY GETS HIT FROM THE NORTH. EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE PAIRING UP AS THE WAR TAKES SHAPE.

FALL, 1902

AUS (Jan Jensen): A Tri* S ITA A Ven; A Vie* H; A Bud* - Ser; F Gre* S
A Ser* - Bul.
ENG (Dan Adams): F Nth* C A Yor* - Den; F Eng* - MAO.
FRA (Gerry Paulson): A Bre - Pic*; A Bur - Bel*; F Por* - MAO; A Pie* S
GER A Tyr - Ven; A Mar* H.
GEF (Dale Bakken): A Tyr* - Ven; A Mun* H; F Den* & F Ska - Swe*; A Hol* S
FRA A Bur - Bel.
ITA (Rob Lowes): F Ion* C A Tun - Nap*; A Ven* H; F EMed - Aeg /d/ (R: Syr,
OTB).
RUS (Rob Peart): A StP* S F Nwy*; F Bla - Ank*; A Rum* S A Gal*; A Ukr* S
A Rum.
TUR (Claude Gautron): F Smy* S F Aeg - EMed*; A Con* S A Bul*; A Bul S RUS
A Rum.

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER, 1902

AUS (5 - 5, even): Home, Greece, Serbia.
ENG (3 - 3, even): Home.
FRA (5 - 6, B 1): Home, Portugal, Spain, BELGIUM.
GER (5 - 6, B 1): Home, Denmark, Holland, SWEDEN.
ITA (4 - 4, even): Home, Tunis.
RUS (6 - 7, B 1): Home, Rumania, Sweden, NORWAY, ANKARA.
TUR (4 - 3, D 1): Constantinople, Smyrna, Ankara, Bulgaria.

Autumn Retreat, Winter, 1902 AND Spring, 1903 due Fri., 29 June, 1984.

NOTES

Claude Gautron is touring Europe for a few months. He intends to continue play here, so I'll keep you posted on address changes. Until 25 June he can receive mail at: c/o American Express Corp., 11 rue Scribe, 75440 Paris Cedex 09, France. Overseas mail takes about 10 days - 2 weeks from Ottawa, though sometimes it's faster.

Evite les groupes de touristes, Claude! --Et sois-toi bien amusé!

PRESS

Munich to Moscow: *There's no problem sharing Scandinavia, is there?*

Constantinople to Rome: *What are you doing in the Eastern Med? There are better pickings in Austria!*

Austria to Russia: *I have somehow misplaced your address. Hence the reason for the lack of communication. Please put it in your next letter. Don't worry about A Gal. Just snap up Rum with it.*

England: *Down, but not out.*

England to the World: *"Christmas Sale" -- As Is Favours. Two for the price of one while supplies last. Beat the rush and book early.*

1983 Brn16 - Variant 2

(Blowup)

NEW BRITISH PM LEARNS ABOUT SEA MINES THE HARD WAY! FRENCH FORCES SLAUGHTERED WHILE RUSHING TO SAVE PARIS. THOSE ITALIANS SURE ARE AN ADVENTUROUS LOT, AREN'T THEY? HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE!

SUMMER, 1906

GER: A War R Pru.

FALL, 1906

AUS (Bruce Poppe): A Mos* S & A Gal* S A War*; A War S & A Ukr* S
A Mos; A Rum* MS A Bul*.

ENG (Claude Gautron): F Pic* S F Eng - Bre*; A Bel* § F Nth - Hol /A/.

FRA (Mark Keller): A Bre - Par /A/; F MAO* - Bre; F Por* - Spa(sc).

GER (Keith Sesler, Bob Albrecht): A Lvn* S A Pru* - War; A StP* S A Lvn;
F Nwy - Nth*; F Swe - Nwy*; A Den* H; A Ruh* - Bel.

ITA (Dave Lincoln): A Gas* - Par; A Mar* S F Spa(sc)*; F Spa(sc) §
F WMed* - MAO; A Pie - Tyr*; F Aeg* § F EMed - Smy*.

TUR (Dave Carter): F Bla - Sev*; F Con* - Aeg; A Smy - Syr*.

SUPPLY CENTRES, WINTER 1906

AUS (8, B 2): Home, Rumania, Serbia, Bulgaria, Sevastopol, WARSAW, MOSCOW.

ENG (5, B 2): Home, Belgium, BREST.

FRA (2, even): Paris, Brest, Portugal.

GER (8, B 1): Home, Denmark, Holland, Warsaw, Moscow, Norway, Sweden,
St. Petersburg.

ITA (8, B 1): Home, Greece, Tunis, Marseille, Spain, SMYRNA.

TUR (3, even): Constantinople, Ankara, Smyrna, SEVASTOPOL.

Winter, 1906 AND Spring, 1907 due Friday, 29 June, 1984.

NOTES

In response to an inquiry, because it is impossible for players to know if I goof involving mining operations, I have been triply careful in recording mine placements and mining orders. So, if someone moves to an area you've mined and nothing happens, that's because I am sure it has been disarmed. It doesn't hurt to ask though. If I do goof, you'll know about it.

Please see the note with 1983 HT regarding Claude Gautron's activities. His address until 25 June is: c/o American Express Corp., 11 rue Scribe, 75440 Paris Cedex 09, France.

PRESS

Turkey to Austria: *You know that I told Italy that Syria was mined! No wonder he so graciously agreed to convoy your army there.*

Italy to Turkey: *Don't worry Dave. Austria and I will be happy to help you out.*

London to Rome: *The Prime Minister has received your message with your suggestions for the future of western Europe. In the House of Commons today he announced that the dismemberment of France has been given the highest priority by the Foreign Office. We expect to meet you shortly in southern France.*

Italy to England: *Will the real King of England please stand up?*

Turkey to Austria: *It could be worse. You could have Jane Fonda as President. That would prove that there is a Hell.*

Italy to France: *If the German helps you, who will help me?*

Turkey to A/I: *Eney, meeney, minie, moe...did I guess wrong again.*

1983 Ecb19 - Variant 3

(Woolworth II-D)

NEW LEADERS BEGIN BY DISMANTLING UNNEEDED ARMED FORCES

AUTUMN, 1904

AUS: A Ven R Tus.

WINTER, 1904

AUS (???): D A Vie, A Tyr. Has A Tus.

BAL (???): B A Ser & has: A Bud, A Tri, A Bul, F Adr.

ENG (Mark Keller): B F Edi (2 short) & has: A Nwy, A Bel, F Nth, F Lon, F Lvp.

FRA (Keith Sesler, Gerry Paulson): D F Eng, A Wal. Has: A Bas.

GER (???): B A Kie & has: A Ber, A Mun, F Swe.

ITA (???): B F Rom & has: A Ven, F MAO, F WMed, F Apu.

RUS (???): even. Has: A Lap, A Fin, A Gal, A Ukr.

SPA (Bob Albrecht, Bob Acheson): B F Mad & has: A Swi, A Bur, F Bre, F Por.

TUR (Nelson Millar): B F Smy & has: A Arm, F Sev, F Bla, F Alb, F Aeg.

Spring, 1905 due Friday, 29 June, 1984.

NOTES

Thanks to Claude Gautron for unneeded standby orders.

I have Spring, 1905 orders on hand from Aus, ???,???,???,Eng, Fra,???

PRESS

Spain to Germany: *Let's come to terms. Write.*

Italy: *Just to let you people know that my zine, Battle Stations, will be cut soon and that I have not folded as Ron says. Freedom of the Press gives people the right not to do something (ie., publish a zine) if they wish.*

Spain to Italy: *Okay son, party's over. Clear out.*

Scandinavia to GM: *You could always type the addresses one time and use two carbons. Just a suggestion from beyond....*

1983 R - Seven Nations

AUSTRIA HITS TURKEY HARD! FRANCE TAKES A BREAK WHILE GERMANY OPT'S FOR SEA POWER. ENGLISH PM RESIGNS, DESPITE REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE HOUSE. AND...THE GREAT MASTER (ISN'T THAT WHAT 'GM' STANDS FOR?) SENDS THIS EUROPE OVER TO ANOTHER UNIVERSE KNOWN FOR ITS ERRATIC RESIDENCE CHANGES.

FALL, 1903

AUS (Randolph Smyth): A Tri - Vie*; F Alb* - Tri; A Ser* - Tri; F Gre - Bul(sc)*; A War* - Mos; A Gal - Ukr*; A Rum - Sev*.

ENG (Richard Gee): A Nwy* S RUS F Bot - StP(sc); F Lon* S F Nth - Eng*; F Wal - Lvp*.

FRA (Axel Halfmeier): MNR! A Mar*, A Gas*, F MAO*, F Eng /d/ (R: OTB by GM); F Iri*.

GER (Ake Jonsson): F Swe* MS F Den*; A Hol - Bel*; A Mun* S A Kie - Ruh*.

ITA (Frej Wasastjerna): A Nap* - Apu; A Ven* - Apu; F Tun* - Ion; F Lyo - Tyr*.

RUS (Walter Compton): F Bot - StP(sc)*; A Tyr* - Tri.

TUR (Gary Coughlan): A Mos* & A Lvn* - StP; F Sev - Bla*; F Ion* C & F Aeg* C A Con* - Apu.

WINTER, 1903

AUS (7 - 9, B F Tri, A Bud): Home, Serbia, Greece, Rumania, Warsaw,
BULGARIA, SEVASTOPOL.
ENG (4 - 4, even): Home, Norway.
FRA (5 - 5, NBR, 1 short): Home, Portugal, Spain.
GER (5 - 7, B F Kie, F Ber): Kiel, Berlin, Denmark, Holland, Belgium,
SWEDEN, MUNICH.
ITA (4 - 4, even): Home, Tunis.
RJS (2 - 1, D A Tyr): St. Petersburg, Munich.
TUR (6 - 4, D F Bla, A Lvn): Home, Bulgaria, Moscow, Sevastopol.

Spring , 1904 (and any retreats) due to Steve Hutton, Fri., 3 August, 1984.

NOTES

We need standbys, but first, regarding that cryptic note in the headline. Steve Hutton, famed for obscene jokes and publishing NO FIXED ADDRESS, was visiting here the weekend before the deadline. In discussing my plans for winding down my hobby activities he threatened to break my arm if I did not turn over this game, and 1983 HW, to him. Seeing as I'll need both arms to carry our children--not to mention the displeasure from my bosses if I was able to type in commands with only one set of fingers--I reluctantly agreed.

Steve is in a co-op program, studying engineering, at the University of Waterloo. That means he works for a term, then goes to school for a term. However, he is in his last work term now, will be back to school for two terms, graduating next spring. So, the address changing situation will settle down. You could always use his parents' address for sending orders, as they are older and more settled.

Permanent Home Address: 704 Brant St., London, Ontario, N5Y 3N1, Canada.

Current Address: 310 Bloor St. W., Room 832, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1W4.

Send your next orders to either address.

I will send Steve a cheque to transfer all your subs, as well as all the pertinent information, including the last game year's original orders. Randolph and Gary already receive NFA. Here are the sub balances:
Axel: \$3.20; Ake: \$1.00; Frej: \$10.00; Walter, \$4.00; Total: \$18.20. That's in US funds. Subs to NFA are 10 for \$7.00 US for overseas subscriptions.

NOTE: 1983 HW, Spring, 1902 is still due to me on 29 June. I'll make the transfer arrangements then.

An awkward time to be calling for standbys, but will Gerry Van Alkemade please take over the English position? Richard resigned because he found the deadlines were too far apart. Gerry's sub will get transfered with 1983 HW.

I'm stuck for someone to call for French position, so will John Davies please do the honours? Port Hardy, BC is about as far from Toronto as is England, so, it should balance out. I'll tranfer half of John's sub money to NFA unless he instructs me otherwise.

You guys won't be missing anything. My next few issues will be warehouse in any case. I'll send you all a complementary copy of the final issue. I'm sure you'll enjoy NFA. (I wouldn't send you there if I didn't think very highly of it.)

ADDRESSES:

GM: Steve Hutton, 310 Bloor St. W, Room 832, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 1W4.
(Home address: 704 Brant St., London, Ontario, N5Y 3N1.)

Standby: John Davies, Box 968, Port Hardy, British Columbia, VON 2P0.

Randolph Smyth, 212 Aberdeen St. SE, Medicine Hat, Alberta, T1A 0R1.
 Gerry Van Alkemade, PO Box 36, Psychico, Athens, Greece.
 Axel Halfmeier, c/o 3580 Hillside Court, Hoffman Estates, IL 60195, USA.
 Ake Jonsson, Regentstsgatan 53, S-723 45 Vasteras, Sweden.
 Frej Wasastjerna, Maksлахdentie 14 A, SF-02140 ESPOO 14, Finland.
 Walter Compton, Apartado 70774, Caracas, 1071A, Venezuela.
 Gary Coughlan, 4616 Martha Cole Lane, Memphis, TN 38118, USA.

I'll miss you, but I'm sure this action is best for everyone.

PRESS

Turkey to France: *You are deceitful and for no good reason. I won't forget you.*

Russia: *Infidel Turks, get out of Russia.*

The Vatican: *The Pope call on all Christian nations to join in a crusade against the Turkish Moslems.*

Munich: *At his speech at the victory parade, the Reichskanzler expressed his delight in the expelling of the Russian intruder. He said, among other things: 'In the past, the Russians trusted their Winter to wipe out intruders into their country. Now we hope that our European Summer will do the same to them. I can assure you that, before long, there will not be a single trace of these bastardly and cowardly intruders.'*

Vienna: *I don't wanna look....*

Turkey: *I hope to dip my toes in the cold northern seas before being shoved back south. Did I succeed?*

Trieste: *Is that Russian army gone yet?*

Russia: *Another brief year has passed. If Russia falls the door will be opened to the hordes from Asia. If Austria continues to help them, we must unite before it is too late.*

Turkey to Italy: *I know who you are and I saw what you did.*

Budapest: *Assuming that the plans in your last letter were the unvarnished truth, Gary, I'm sorry. If not, you've probably hammered me instead, and I'm ever sorrier. Looks like this season will make one of us and break the other.*

Turkey to England: *Does this Richard have a lion's heart? ROOOOAAARRR!*

Turkey to GM: *Where exactly is Nepean? It's not in my atlas.*

GM to Turkey: *It was right here, last time I looked. To quote from Snafu! No. 40 (January, 1984): 'Nepean is a city which wraps about the southern and western end of Ottawa.' Seeing as it's one of Canada's larger cities, perhaps you should invest in a better atlas?*

Battle Stations

EXPIRING SUBS

The following all have nothing left in their accounts: Doug Millstone, Capt. John Morgan, Peter Ashley, Dale Bakken, Mark Berch, Paula Dodge, Dave Lincoln, Mike Mazzer, Bob Olsen.

Non-players will need about \$2.00 to get to the end. Players, if you expect your games to last for a while, should add enough for postage for a few months (figure three reports for a dollar).

Your sub balance is on your address label. I can't always check for you.

STANDBYS

This is the most recent update. Please let me know if you want on or off.

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Parting Shot

I didn't intend to go to twelve pages, but.

A few things of note this issue. I received two sets of orders by electronic mail. Guess that's a sign of the changing times. Also, I think that Claude Gautron should be awarded some sort of player of the month award. A week before the deadline I received a note from him saying Snafu! was not included in the envelop I had sent him last month. I sent off a copy to him by Special Delivery the next day. He received it the day before he was to leave on a trip to Europe and mailed his orders en route, reaching me with a few days to spare.

I also owe an apology to another player. Last month, in the game report for 1983 HW, I complained that Gerry Van Alkemade's sub had expired a few issues back, and so I was calling for a standby. It turns out that his sub was paid up to date. What must have happened is that I received his cheque in March just before we were to move, and, in the chaos, forgot to record it. Glad I didn't make any other goofs like that that I'm aware of. Sorry, Gerry, but glad it's now all straightened out. Meanwhile, that shows why you should pay attention to the numbers on your label. The amount there is what I have on record. If it's wrong, tell me.

Egads! Look at all the space left!

Reflections on the hobby?

Was very annoyed to read in Diplomacy Laurels, a section of Xenogogic by Larry Peery, the following: 'A year, two years ago, I suggested we have a DOT HAPPY AWARD for zines that folded and left the hobby in a professional and sportsman-like manner. So far three awards have been given: Allen Wells, Dot Happy; Eric Ozog, Diplomacy By Moonlight, and Randolph Smyth, Fol Si Fie (or was it John Leeder? And if so, why? And why not both?)'

Firstly, you'd think that if he's given out only three such awards, Larry could make a tiny bit of effort to find out who he gave them to! Secondly, this displays an attitude shared by some south of the border that if you're not an American, you're not worthy of courtesy. Not only does John Leeder deserve better treatment than that, the Canadian hobby deserves better.

It happens from time to time that a few American pubbers confuse me with Randolph Smyth, or can't keep Dave Carter and Steve Hutton straight. Changes in the CDO aren't recognized for months after the fact. (Diplomacy World still lists Andy Lischett for Orphans' Placement.) But it's not as though there were 70 or so pubbers, coming and going with changes in the seasons as in the USA. Hell, there's only half a dozen Canadian pubbers at any one time--and surely it can't be that much of a strain to remember who's who. After all, Canadian pubbers are usually pretty good at keeping up with the activities of their American counterparts and they've ten times the number of names to remember.

I suppose, as a Canadian, I ought to be used to this attitude. After all, I've had a lifetime of experiences with the Ugly American. ('Thought I'd do a little skiing in July in Toronto, then go bag a few moose in Montreal.') I've also had enough experience with intelligent Americans to realize that we don't have to expect rudeness and ignorance when we deal with someone from the Home of the Brave.

Just to turn it around, suppose I had published the following?

'Diplomacy World, pubbed by Robert Sacks, is one of the finest zines around...You should also check out Europa Express, published by Dick Martin. ...John Caruso is doing a great job as BNC and ought to be congratulated... Jack Masters announces game openings in his zine, Bushwacker...Ed Wrobel just published an excellent issue of Voice of Doom...Mark Berch is offering free subs to those willing to act as standbys in Diplomacy Digest.'

Of course that looks absurd. Well that's how many comments on the Canadian hobby, as written by Americans, look to me. So, who cares if the names are wrong? They're just Yanks, right? All look the same to me. Talk funny. All carry guns and shot their grandmothers. Lots of money. Big belly. Poor Larry. He deserves better than that too. But his remarks hit the target this time....

Speaking of confusion, every few months or so someone new decides to draw up some sort of ratings system for players and then runs into a snag, when they realize there's no distinction between James Ronald Brown of Bakersfield, California, and myself in the BNC publication. So, they write me, and I assume they write J. R. Brown, and ask for a list of games I've played in. I'm tired of looking up everything and typing up the same old list over and over. So, here it is. If you think you might want to do some stats some day, cut this list out. (This includes only regular games I've completed to date.)

BN	GM	Zine	Country	Outcome
1979 KW	Peter Reese	Claw & Fang	Turkey	T/F draw
1980 AC	Don Horton	Claw & Fang	Turkey	Turkey wins
1980 KY	Chip Charnley	no zine	Germany	A/E/G draw
1981 HR	Ed Bapple	Migraine	Russia	R/F draw

Regular games in progress (to prevent future confusion): 1982 Q, Dave Carter, GM, Sleepless Knights, Russia. 1983 AY, Mike Coburn, GM, Murdr'ing Ministers Russia. 1983 V, Steve Hutton, GM, No Fixed Address, Germany.

François Guerrier stuck me with some standby positions that I never agreed to take, so my name might appear in stats for games which passed through his hands. I have no idea what they were.

Hum, most of a page left. Just love it when I get to ramble like this. Child raising? Seems a lot of people these days are force-feeding their kids, trying to teach them Japanese at 6 months of age, doing calculus at 2½, that sort of thing. They must really dislike children to treat them like that. Kids have all sorts of complicated learning to do without their parents trying to force them along more academic lines. I recall Christopher's experiments with the laws of gravity and spacial perception. Now, of course, people trying to produce superkids wouldn't call it that. They'd call it play, or foolishness, as he stepped off a two foot high ledge over and over again (nearly giving me heart failure every time, I might add). Language? Why grapple with Urdu? Did you ever stop to think how complicated the basic English pronouns are? (How come when I say 'me' and you say 'you' we mean the same thing?)

From what I've read of such superkid production, the effects aren't lasting and the kids actually start falling behind their peers in school. Seems they've missed some of the experimentation their parents dismissed as meaningless play. Well, we know Christopher's bright and he doesn't have to win our love with tricks. Too bad there are so many middleclass parents who lack that basic faith in themselves and their children. Must be very difficult for the kids.

Ah well, we all have our hangups, I guess. But the children and the tulips just keep on growing on this strange alien planet we call the Earth.

Love to all,

